# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

# Senate

General Assembly

File No. 564

February Session, 2022

Substitute Senate Bill No. 405

Senate, April 21, 2022

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. OSTEN of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

# AN ACT CONCERNING VALUATIONS OF THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 10-183l of the 2022 supplement to the general
- statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 3 (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- 4 (a) (1) On and after July 1, 1991, the management of the system shall
- 5 continue to be vested in the Teachers' Retirement Board, whose
- 6 members shall include the Treasurer, the Secretary of the Office of Policy
- 7 and Management and the Commissioner of Education, or their
- 8 designees, who shall be voting members of the board, ex officio. (2) On
- 9 or before June 15, 1985, and quadrennially thereafter, the members of
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- the system shall elect from their number, in a manner prescribed by said
- 11 board, two persons to serve as members of said board for terms of four
- 12 years beginning July first following such election. Both of such persons
- 13 shall be active teachers who shall be nominated by the members of the
- 14 system who are not retired and elected by all the members of the system.
- 15 On or before July 1, 1991, and quadrennially thereafter, the members of

the system shall elect from their number, in a manner prescribed by said board, three persons to serve as members of said board for terms of four years beginning July first following such election. Two of such persons shall be retired teachers who shall be nominated by the retired members of the system and elected by all the members of the system and one shall be an active teacher who shall be nominated by the members of the system who are not retired and elected by all the members of the system. (3) On or before July 1, 2011, and quadrennially thereafter, the members of the system shall elect from their number, in a manner prescribed by said board, one person to serve as a member of said board for a term of four years beginning July first following such election. Such person shall be an active teacher who shall be nominated by the members of the system who are not retired, elected by all the members of the system and a member of an exclusive representative of a teachers' bargaining unit that is not represented by the members of the board elected under subdivision (2) of this subsection. (4) If a vacancy occurs in the positions filled by the members of the system who are not retired, said board shall elect a member of the system who is not retired to fill the unexpired portion of the term. If a vacancy occurs in the positions filled by the retired members of the system, said board shall elect a retired member of the system to fill the unexpired portion of the term. The Governor shall appoint five public members to said board in accordance with the provisions of section 4-9a, one of whom shall be the mayor, first selectman or chief elected official of a municipality. On and after October 31, 2017, the Governor shall fill the next vacant position on the board that is appointed by the Governor with a person who is the mayor, first selectman or chief elected official of a municipality. The members of the board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for any expenditures or loss of salary or wages which they incur through service on the board. A majority of the membership of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

(b) In carrying out its duties, the board may employ a chief administrator with a title established by the board, who shall also serve as secretary of the board, an administrative officer and such staff as may be necessary. Their salaries shall be paid by said board with the

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approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Said board shall employ the services of one or more actuaries, each of which shall be an individual or firm having on its staff a fellow of the Society of Actuaries, to carry out the actuarial duties of this section and sections 10-183b, 10-183r, and 10-183z and for such related purposes as the board deems advisable. The cost of such services shall be charged to the funds provided for in section 10-183r. Said board shall arrange for such actuary to prepare an actuarial valuation of the assets and liabilities of the system as of June [30, 1980, and at least once every two years thereafter] thirtieth, annually. On the basis of reasonable actuarial assumptions approved by the board, such actuary shall determine the actuarially determined employer contribution required to meet the actuarial cost of current service and the unfunded accrued liability. [Commencing December 1, 2002, such] Such valuation shall be completed prior to December first, [biennially] annually. Said board shall adopt all needed actuarial tables and may adopt regulations and rules not inconsistent with this chapter, including regulations and rules for payment of purchased service credits and repayment of previously withdrawn accumulated contributions. Said board shall establish an operational budget necessary for the management of the system. The board may enter into such contractual agreements, in accordance with established procedures, as may be necessary for the discharge of its duties.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:				
Section 1	July 1, 2022	10-183 <i>l</i>		

# Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (b), "June 30, 1980, and at least [once every two years] annually thereafter" was changed to "June [30, 1980, and at least once every two years thereafter] thirtieth, annually" and "Commencing December 1, 2002, such valuation shall be completed prior to December first [biennially] annually" was changed to "[Commencing December 1, 2002, such] Such valuation shall be completed prior to December first, [biennially] annually" for accuracy and clarity.

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APP Joint Favorable Subst.

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

#### **OFA Fiscal Note**

# State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Teachers' Retirement Bd.	GF - Cost	None	Approximately \$60,0000

Note: GF=General Fund

# Municipal Impact: None

# Explanation

The bill changes the Teachers' Retirement System valuation from being performed on a biennial basis to an annual basis. Under current law, the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation, establishing the TRS actuarially determined employer contribution for FY 24 and FY 25 will be completed in November 2022 and is funded in the agency's FY 23 budget. This change will result in an additional cost of approximately \$60,000 in FY 24 to support the actuarial costs for the June 30, 2023 valuation.

#### The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

Sources: Core-CT Financial Accounting System

TRB Testimony

# OFA Bill Analysis sSB 405

# AN ACT CONCERNING VALUATIONS OF THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

#### SUMMARY:

The bill changes the frequency of the actuarial valuation of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) from biennial to annual basis.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

## **BACKGROUND**

## TRS Actuarial Valuation

Currently, the TRS actuarial valuation is done every two years (in the even year) and establishes the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) for the upcoming biennial budget. Most recently, the June 30, 2020 valuation established the ADEC for FY 22 and FY 23.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

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